Belmont Abbey College

SPIRE

2005 - 2006

Exceeding the Limits

"There are no speed limits on the road to excellence."

- David W Johnson

For most of us, he was the only Pope we had ever known. We saw him on TV, traveling all over the world. He stood up to Communism all over the world. He spoke out in defense of all life, from the unborn child to the death-row inmate to the sick and elderly. He loved the youth, challenging us to live up to the hard standards of the Gospel, and so we flocked to him at World Youth Days. In his final days, he showed us what it means to suffer with dignity, letting Christ draw him close. The mark that God has made on the world through this man will never be forgotten.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II

1920 - 2005

Be
Not
Afraid

Priest Poet Actor Theologian

Bishop Playwright Athlete Writer

We dedicate the 2005 - 2006 Spire to the beloved memory of Pope John Paul II. You who loved the youth so much during your earthly stay, please continue to pray for us from your new place near the Father!

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

Benedicts in the Church

- Pope Benedict I (575–579)
- Pope Benedict II (684–685)
- Pope Benedict III (855–858)
- Pope Benedict IV (900–903)
- Pope Benedict V (964)
- Pope Benedict VI (972–974)
- Pope Benedict VII (974–983)
- Pope Benedict VIII (1012–1024)
- Pope Benedict IX (1032–1048)
- Benedict X (1058–1059)
- Pope Benedict XI (1303–1304)
- Pope Benedict XII (1334–1342)
- Pope Benedict XIII (1724–1730)
- Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758)
- Pope Benedict XV (1914–1922)
- Pope Benedict XVI (2005–present)

"Let them prefer nothing whatever to Christ. And may He bring us all together to everlasting life!" - Rule of Saint Benedict ch. 72

St. Benedict

Saint Benedict was born around the year 480 in Nursia, a village in the mountains outside of Rome. The son of a pagan father and a Christian mother, he inherited his father's status as a minor nobleman and his mother's faith. Tired of the city life, he left Rome at age 22 to live the life of a hermit. Soon followed by others who desired to imitate his holy way of life, he founded the monastery at Monte Cassino and compiled the Rule of Saint Benedict, a book of rules for the common religious life, considered one of the foundational works of western monasticism. The community life of work and prayer envisioned by Benedict spread all over the world - at one point, there were over 40,000 male and female Benedictine monasteries in Europe.

Facti de Benedictis

- Not much is known about Benedict I. He was Pope during the invasions and ravages of the Lombards, and died while trying to deal with this crisis. He was buried in Old Saint Peter's.
- Benedict II is the only Pope Benedict to have been canonized so far. Widely known for his humility, generosity, and love of the poor, Benedict II worked to eliminate the heresy of Monothelitism.
- Benedict X was an "anti-pope" (a pretender to the throne) in the days of the papacy of Nicholas II.
- Benedict XV, the last before the current Pope, was Pope during World War I. Appropriately born Giacomo Della Chiesa (James of the Church); he obtained a Doctorate in Law before becoming a priest. Elected Pope months after the outbreak of the war, Benedict was well-known for his pacifist stance and the humanitarian relief efforts that he undertook for victims of the war, which he dubbed "the suicide of Europe." Benedict XV also promulgated a new Code of Canon Law in 1917 and was very devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He died at age 67 of pneumonia.

Habemus Papam

BENEDICT XVI

Pope Benedict XVI was elected pope at the age of 78. He is the oldest person to have been elected pope since Clement XII in 1730. He served longer as a cardinal before being elected pope than any pope since Benedict XIII (elected 1724). He is the ninth German pope, the last being the Dutch-German Adrian VI (1522–1523). The last pope named Benedict was Benedict XV, an Italian who reigned from 1914 to 1922, during WWI.

Ratzinger was born in Bavaria, Germany. He had a distinguished career as a university theologian before being made the archbishop of Munich and Freising; he was subsequently made a cardinal by Pope Paul VI in the consistory of June 27, 1977. He was appointed as the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope John Paul II in 1981 and was made the cardinal bishop of the suburbicarian diocese of Velletri-Segni on April 5, 1993. In 1998, he was made the sub-dean of the College of Cardinals; later, on November 30, 2002, he became the dean and simultaneously the cardinal bishop of the suburbicarian diocese of Ostia. He was the first dean of the college elected pope since Paul IV in 1555 and the first cardinal bishop elected pope since Pius VIII in 1829.

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Maria José Torres

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Crusader Baseball

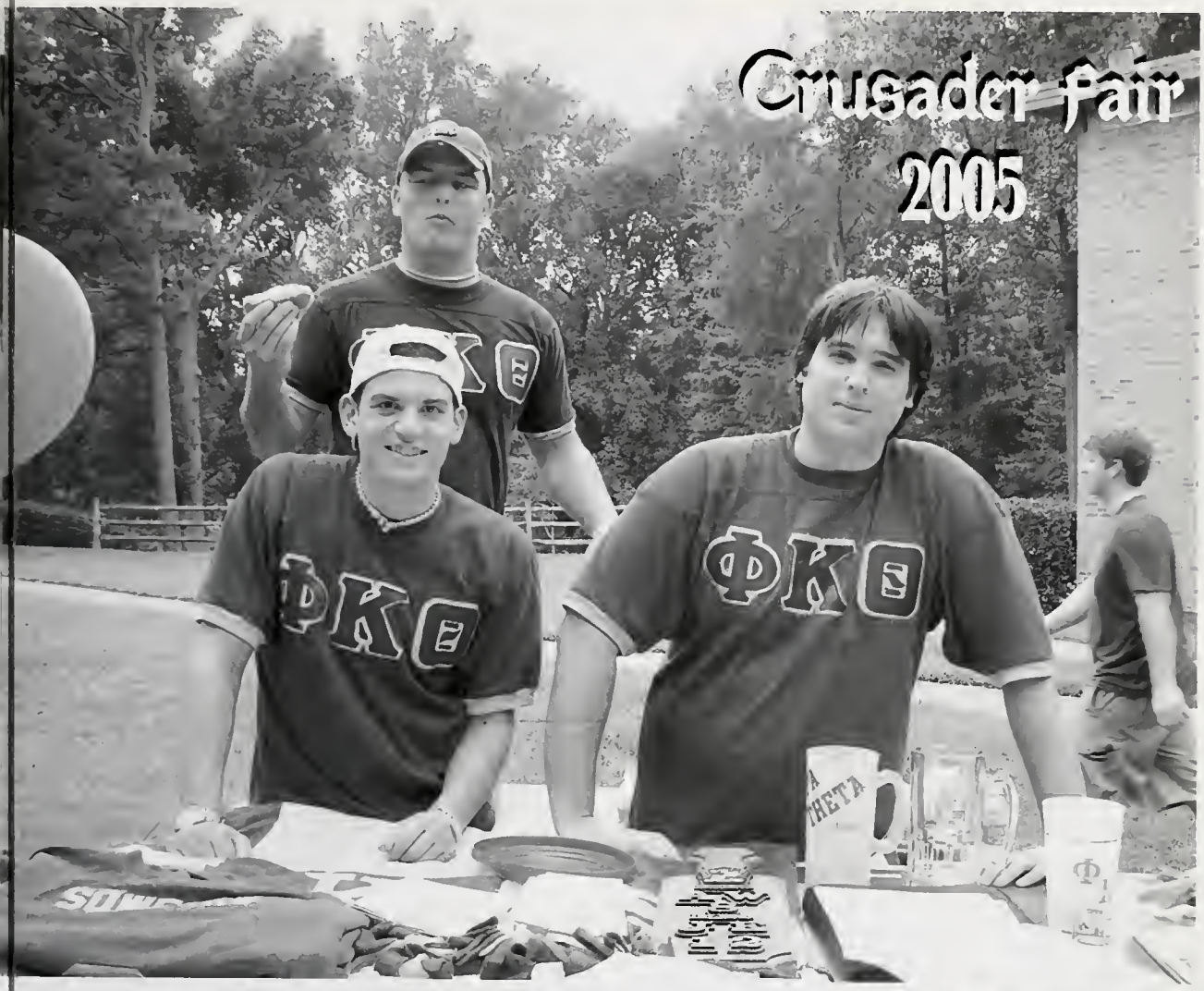
Abbey Day
2005

The first annual Abbey Day was held on April 21, 2005. The day included celebrating with field events like the human wheel barrel race (seen here at right) plus many other activities. The Senior class of 2005 gave us Abbey Day as their gift because they wanted something more than a physical gift- they wanted something that would build memories, Abbey pride, and fellowship.

Above- Dr. David Williams gives us his best pitch to try to hit the mark on the dunking booth. The dunking booth was one of the most popular activities at Abbey Day. The brave few who tempted students, professors and staff to dunk them were Sean Dunne '05, Mr. Michael Pressimone, & Br. Emmanuel, O.S.B.

R-Stephanie Garcia cools friend Ben Safranski with ice dropped down his back! The day was a scorcher and what typically would be an icy cold wet shock was surprisingly blessed relief from the beating sun.

Crusader Fair 2005



Above- Phi Kapps Chris Sharman, Michael Schneider, and JP Sabby look for potential brothers at the Crusader Fair that is held during orientation every year. The Phi Kappa Theta fraternity is the one Greek brotherhood that has lasted throughout the years here.

L- Juan Caldron looks over some information at the Crusader Fair to see what organization is worthy of his membership.

R (top)- Dr. Plecnik and Mr. Brosnan play a game of chess while prospective chess players sign up for more information.

R (bottom)- Delts Brad Baker & Joseph Salser try to recruit for their fraternity.

World Youth Day

Reflections on Tired Feet

By Corein Brown

During a pilgrimage your mind and heart will wander in many different places along with your body. At times you will praise God and find yourself lacking the words to express your gratitude. At another moment you will find yourself crying out in exhaustion and frustration. Then in another place you will be laughing to the point of crying with your fellow pilgrims. And at some point you will be on your knees asking for forgiveness and praying for strength. You will travel and wake up in strange places, on trains in cities you didn't mean to go to, on sidewalks, on open farm fields in cold nights, and if you are lucky occasionally in a bed. In all this wandering of mind, body, and soul there is one thing you will not lose focus of, your tired feet.

For the past year a small group from the Diocese of Charlotte fundraised and prepared as best as they could for World Youth Day 2005 in Köln, Germany. I had the privilege of working with five Belmont Abbey College students who would be a part of this group. None of us would deny that getting to Germany was a struggle. The students had to raise thousands of dollars during the school year, as a new campus minister I had to find my role within the group, and we all struggled with one another's differences and reasons for attending WYD. With all the struggles of preparations and business of life it was easy to forget we were setting out on a pilgrimage.

When I thought about the word pilgrimage many images came to mind. I thought about the Magi following the start to the newborn Christ, John the Baptist preparing the way, the twelve Apostles sent out two by two, the many missionaries of today, the countless Jews, Muslims, and Christians that journey each year to the holy city of Jerusalem, and even Christ's own pilgrimage to death on a cross. These were true pilgrims and it was difficult for me to see how we were pilgrims when we would travel by plane and train, sleep in hotel beds, and have three meals a day. By 12:30am Wednesday morning after being lost in the German Mass Transit System for hours and realizing I had not slept since we were stuck in JFK Sunday night I began to see that we were indeed on a pilgrimage. From this point on I never forgot my own tired feet or those of my fellow pilgrims.

The city of Köln had prepared as best as possible for WYD but the mass transit system still could not handle the 500,000 to 1 million extra travelers each day. Trains were delayed, stations were shut down due to lack of oxygen, and most pilgrims spent a good part of each day walking. We would walk to Mass, we would walk along the Rhein River, we would walk to the famous Köln Cathedral, we would walk to see the Pope, and inevitable we would be late to almost all of these events and miss a few.

L to R: 1) Cologne Cathedral
2) Corein Brown, Patrick Haller and Heather Woody
3) Erica Mistretta

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Weltjugendtag
Köln 2005

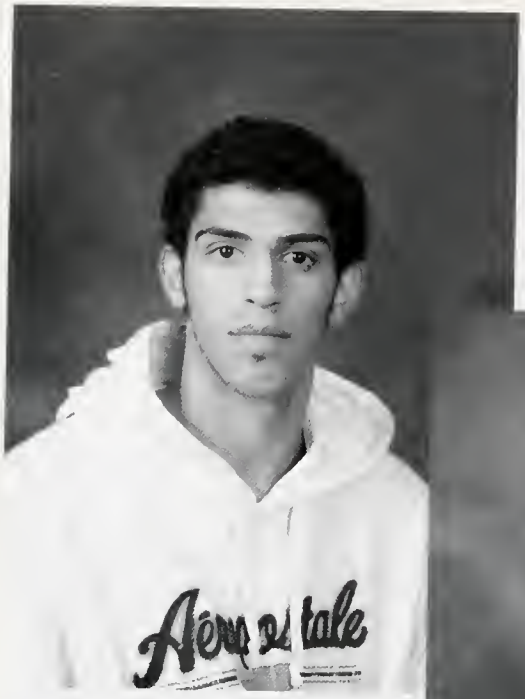
A wise traveler or a Volkswagen commercial once said, "It is the journey not the destination that matters most." Sometimes with tired feet this is a difficult phrase to remember, all you want to do is make it to your destination be it your hotel bed, being close to the Pope, receiving Communion, or just sitting down and eating dinner. At the start of the pilgrimage we focused too much on destinations, we yelled and cried when we had to sleep in New York when we should have been in Germany. We pushed and shoved as we tried to make it to Opening Mass. And we yelled at one another while trying to stay together in a sea of people in a foreign city.

Our focus began to change though while standing in overflow during Opening Mass when we realized we would not be able to receive communion. Instead we began shaking hands, hugging, and giving high fives to the hundreds of other pilgrims that passed by. It was here that our journey began and instead of looking for fulfillment in some far off destination we found Christ with dirty, tired feet walking right beside us.

We walked in a city where thousands had walked, ran, and died when Allied Forces destroyed over 60% of the city during WWII. We walked with pilgrims from Italy, Kosovo, Nigeria, and Ireland. We danced with drummers from Ecuador, Guatemala, and Madagascar. We shared and laughed with our German hosts, we stood and celebrated Mass with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. We walked side by side as a small group of 18 in a sea of a million and we realized that our tired feet were now sharing in the history of Germany, sharing in the celebration of our Catholic unity, and sharing in Christ's love.

As I walk away from this pilgrimage my prayer is that I never stop focusing on my feet and the feet of all pilgrims in this world. I pray that we enjoy the journey and find Christ in unexpected places much like the Magi, while never losing sight of the Light that guides us. I pray we humbly bow down and wash the feet of those who walk with us always recognizing that in our fellow pilgrims Christ journeys with us. Amen.

L to R:1) Corein Brown and a German Policeman
2) The group at Mareinfeld with members of the Charlotte Diocese
3) Anthony Flora, Heather Woody, Patrick Haller, and Jessica Hanson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"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."
-Millard Fuller, Founder
Habitat for Humanity International

"That in all things God may be glorified"

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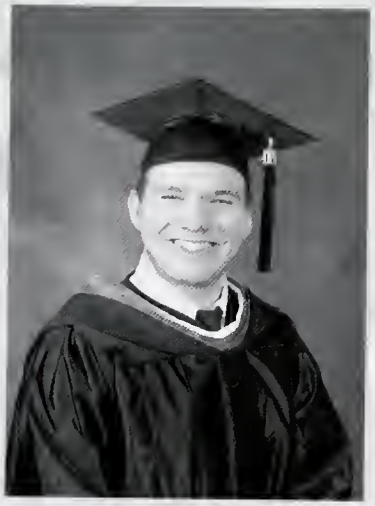

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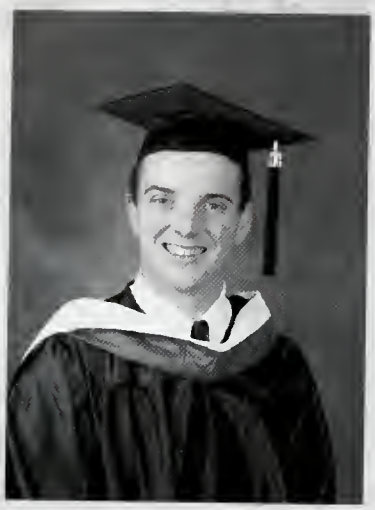

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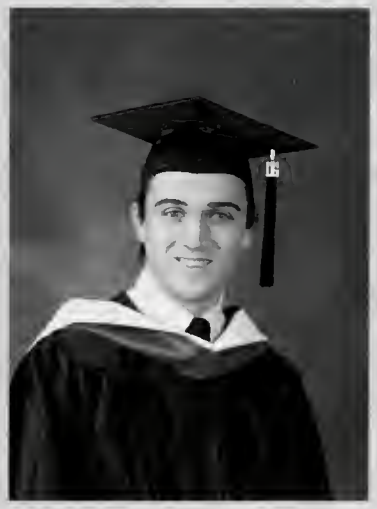

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Lauri Anne Bishop
Jessica Lorraine Bisson
Patrick Dennis Brady
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Lola Rackley Brooks
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Tammy Skipper Cipriano
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Stephanie Spainhour Zickefoose

* Names provided by the Registrar's Office and are those who applied for graduation for Dec. 2005 or May 2006.

Senior

Marisol Aristizabal

"The best and most wonderful things in the world cannot be seen or eve touched- they must be felt within the heart."- Helen Keller

Bradley Baker

"History is the witness of the times, the torch of truth, the life of memory, the teacher of life, the messenger of antiquity." -Cicero

Stephanie Alexandra Garcia

"Education is the best provision for the journey to old age" Aristotle

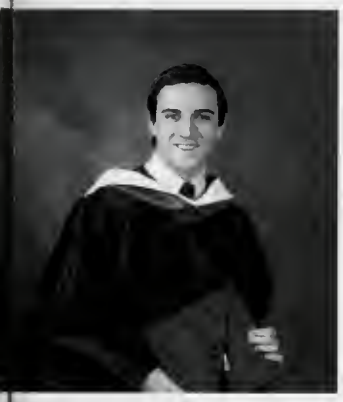
Kenneth John Rossi

"Shoot for Pluto!" he said. I thought I was supposed to shoot for the moon. "No," he said, "That's been done. Be original."
-Anonymous

Quotes

Benjamin Safranski

"It's a scary thing, going out your front door. If you don't have your feet about you, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." - Bilbo Baggins, "The Fellowship of the Ring."



Austin Scott

"Let your truth shine forth unfailing; Let all know your beauty rare. Hail! O Abbey, Alma Mater – Hear your praises fill the air." -from the Belmont Abbey College Alma Mater

David Vignolini

"It is a man's peculiar duty to love even those who wrong him." -Marcus Aurelius

Alicia Nicole Woods

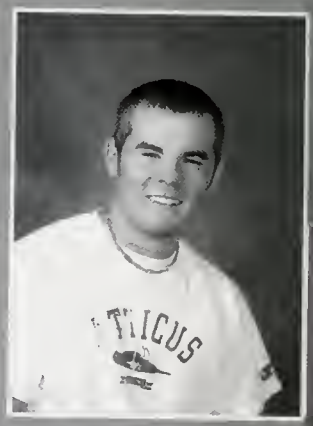
Work hard until you can't work anymore! I want to leave my encouraging and energetic spirit as my mark to all of my fellow Crusaders. I want each one of you to grow next year into a team that is destined for greatness. I know you can do whatever you put your mind too. I LOVE YOU ALL AND YOU ALL WILL BE MISSED TREMENDOUSLY! -Coley

Underclassmen

Junior Appiagyei

McKenzie Armstrong

Luis Arrieta



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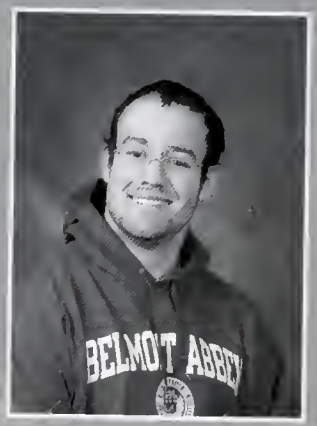

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Dustin Cherry

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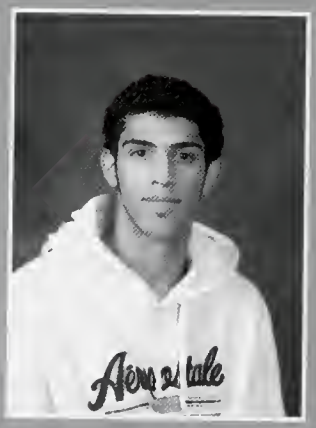

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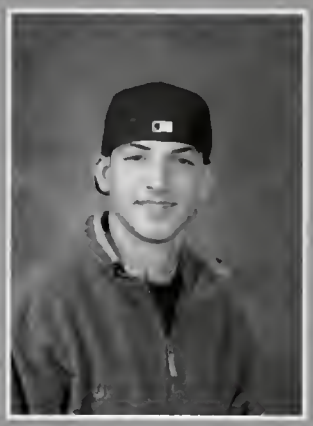

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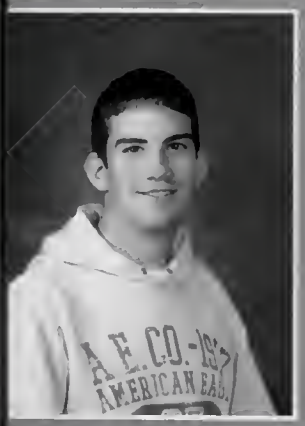

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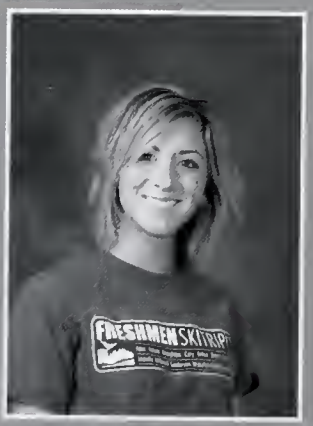

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John Ryan

JP Sabby

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Caitlyn Sanaga

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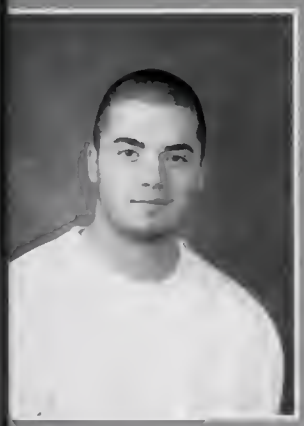

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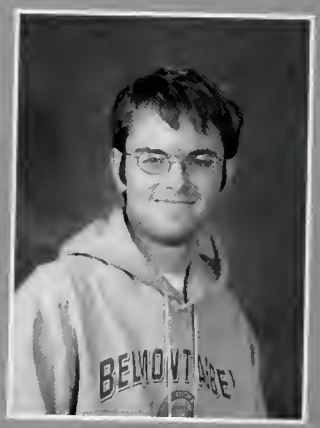

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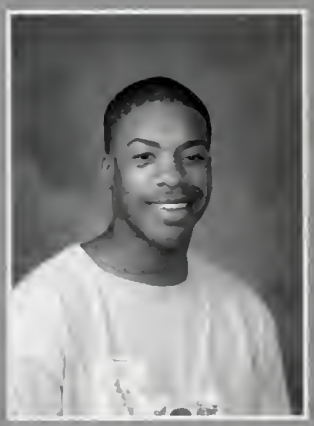

Carl "DJ" Williams, Jr.

Roy Williams

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Dean de la Motte

Meghan Dennehy
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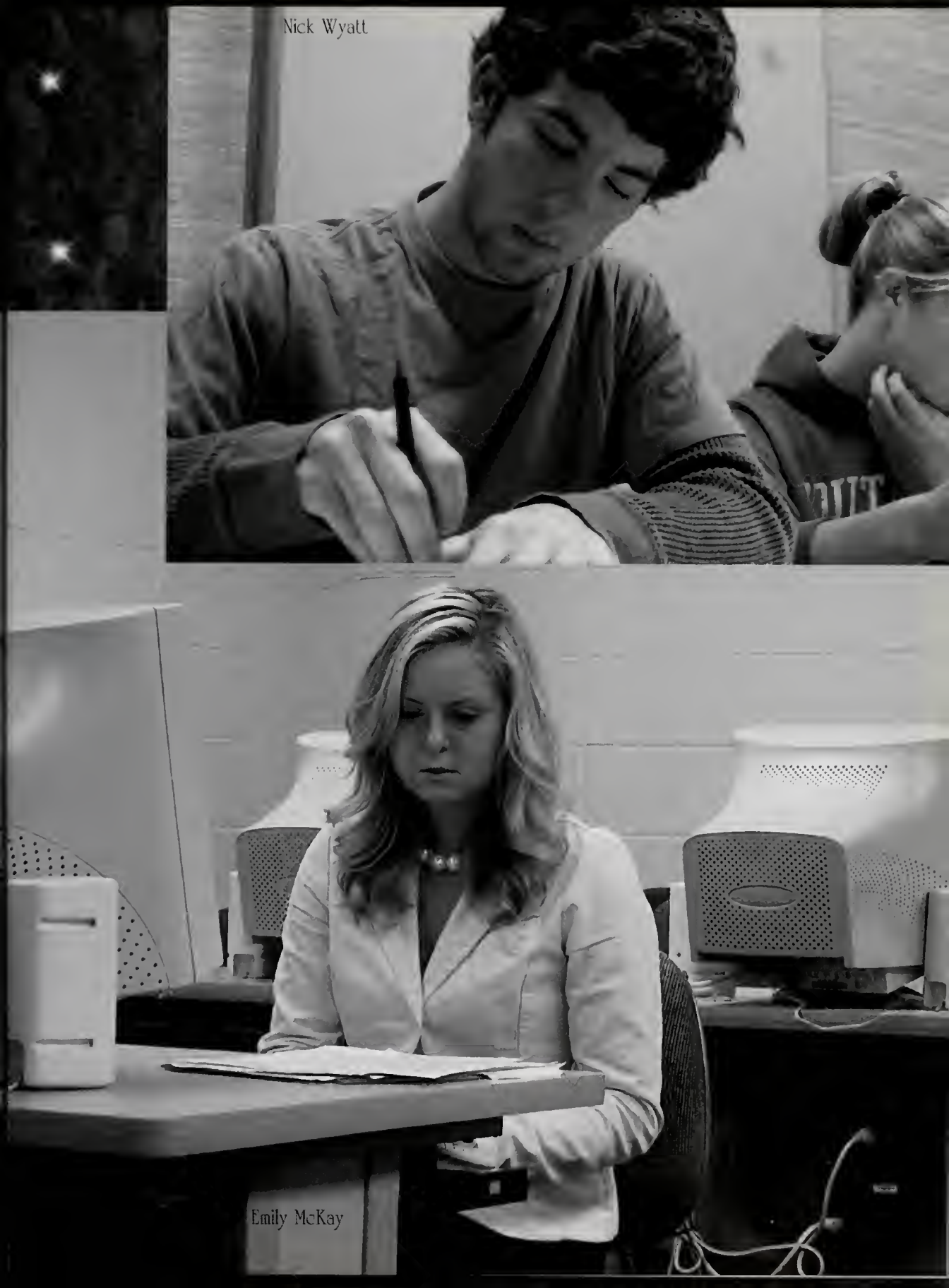
Jessica Sells

ACADEMICS

"That in all things God may be glorified"



Nick Wyatt

Emily McKay

THE FACULTY IN THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS TOP-NOTCH, CLOSE-KNIT, AND HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE...

Biology at Belmont Abbey College is one of the outstanding majors that the College offers. The department is committed to preparing its majors for entry into graduate and professional programs, as well as with competence in laboratory, oral, and organizational skills for entry into the workplace.

Students, who choose biology as a major are considered partners in the learning process and are expected to demonstrate an attitude of helpful cooperation in their pursuit of knowledge. There are various opportunities and experiences open to students – including state science conferences, field trips to local mountain areas and to the North Carolina coast, and guest speakers sponsored through Beta Beta Beta (a national biology undergraduate honor society). Students who excel in the classroom may be offered departmental scholarships, as well as the chance to assist in research projects or to become laboratory-teaching assistants.

Students can choose to receive either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Biology at the Abbey. The B.S. degree is more rigorous and prescriptive, providing students with a thorough background required for further study in graduate or professional school. Although a B.A. degree does not require students to take Statistics or Organic Chemistry, they are compelled to take one semester of Physics and 15 hours of free electives. Bachelor of Arts students can use these elective hours to secure either a concentration or minor in a non-science area of specialization, such as business or history. Additional minors in Environmental Science, Biotechnology or Interdisciplinary Allied Health are also available to students pursuing either a B.A. or B.S. in Biology.

Another option for exceptional students is a planned course of study. Students may consult with a department faculty member and develop a semester of specialized study that meets their personal interest. After completing the required Biology core, students have the option of focusing their studies in one particular area or selecting courses that will provide a broad diversity of biological background.

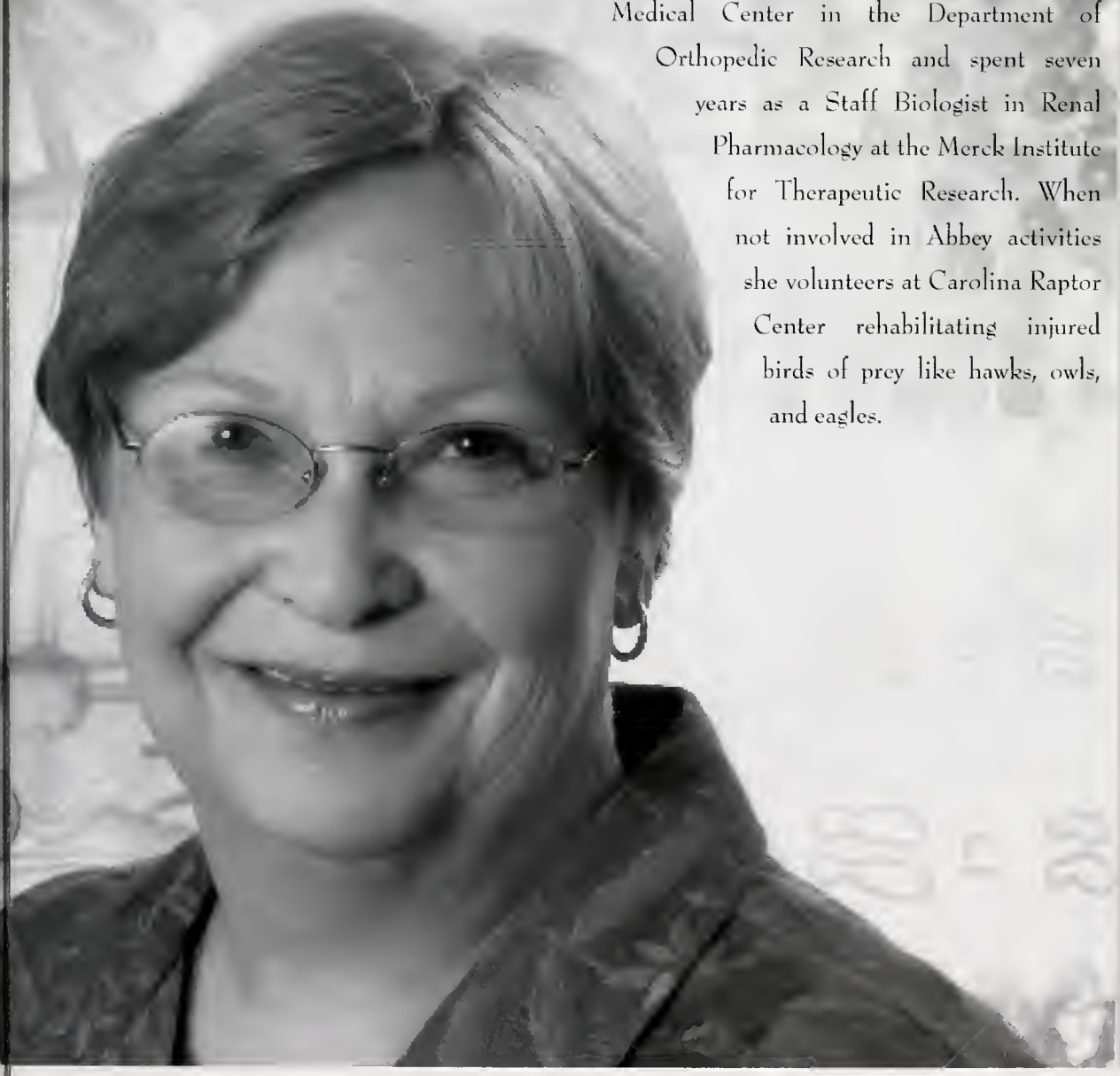
The faculty in the Biology Department are top-notch, close-knit, and highly supportive in promoting scientific inquiry and professionalism in their students. The graduate training of our four full-time faculty affords us the ability to offer a wide variety of courses. Dr. Elizabeth Baker's specializes in invertebrate zoology and field biology, while Dr. Michael McLeod's training is in ecology and evolutionary genetics. Robert Tompkins has concentrated graduate training in plant systematics and plant ecology. Dr. Reilly did her graduate work in cell and molecular biology and microbiology.

Students with an interest in upper-level biology courses may select from Human Anatomy, Physiology, Cell Biology, Genetics, Organismal Diversity, Parasitology, Field Biology, Entomology, Embryology, Epidemiology, Microbiology, Immunology, Biological Techniques, Plant Ecology, Environmental Issues, Introduction to Environmental Science, Taxonomy of Vascular Plants, and Special Problems in Biology. Numerous internship opportunities are also available to students.

Dr. Sheila Reilly

Dr. Reilly, Professor of Biology and Chair of the Biology Department received her B.S. in Biology from Grove City College and her Ph.D. in Oral Biology and Pathology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Her doctoral research explored the link between the maturation of papillomaviruses and that of their host epithelial cells.

Dr. Reilly was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Carolinas Medical Center in the Department of Orthopedic Research and spent seven years as a Staff Biologist in Renal Pharmacology at the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research. When not involved in Abbey activities she volunteers at Carolina Raptor Center rehabilitating injured birds of prey like hawks, owls, and eagles.



GRADUATES ARE HIGHLY RECRUITED WITH JOB PLACEMENT VIRTUALLY ASSURED.

- Graduates of the program leave with passports in their pockets!

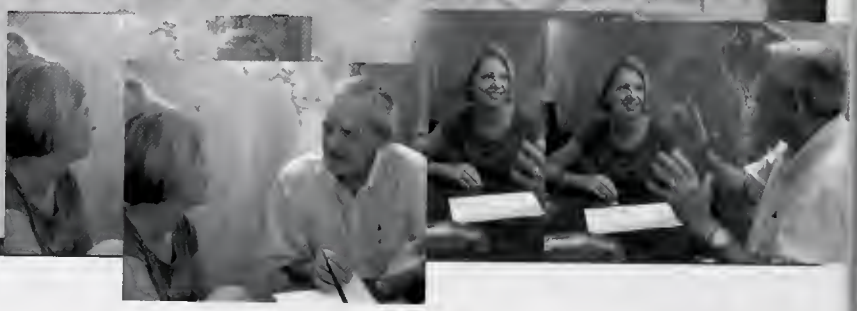
The International Business Studies Program fuses the traditional liberal arts education with a rigorous "hands-on" international business curriculum.

Students learn to speak a foreign language, participate in study abroad for at least one semester to gain cross-cultural experiences outside the United States, complete an 18 hour block of special international business courses, successfully write a final paper that's reviewed by BAC faculty and outside readers and, when possible, complete an international practicum with a transnational firm-all this while meeting the other requirements of the liberal arts tradition. It's not surprising that our graduates are highly recruited with job placement virtually assured.

The faculty members in the program are well published, have experience teaching abroad and hold national reputations. One has testified on multiple occasions before U.S. Congressional committees on trade and transportation issues. Another is a senior Fulbright Scholar. Two even sat on the task force to develop a national credentialing examination for the trade professional.

Dr. Jim Giermanski

- Invited to speak before the US senate on NAFTA
- Former FBI special agent
- BAC has the only U.S. Department of Education international business grant in the southeast, and has recently been awarded this grant for the second time.



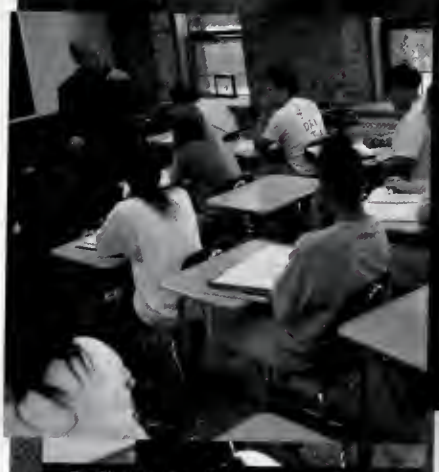
Dr. Jim Giermanski

A former Regents Professor at Texas A&M International University and an "ad hoc" graduate faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Dr. Jim Giermanski is Professor of International Business at Belmont Abbey College and has been selected as the International Educator of the Year by the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators. In conjunction with the Professional Examination Service (PES) and Bradley University, he is a member of the International Practice Analysis Committee of the NASBITE Task Force to develop a national International Trade Specialist Certificate. He is also a reviewer for the Transportation Research Board, U.S. National Research Council. He served as Director of Transportation and Logistics Studies, Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade at Texas A&M International University.

Dr. Giermanski consults often on international transportation and transportation security, border logistics, and trade matters involving Mexico. He has frequently given invited testimony on NAFTA, transportation, and other international business issues before the U.S. Senate and House, the Texas Senate and House, EPA, and the U.S. International Trade Commission. He served as the co-chairman of the Texas Transportation Committee of the Task Force to prepare for NAFTA, sat for five years on the Texas Office of the Attorney General's Trans-border Trucking International Working Group, and for three years as a member of the Research Advisory Committee on Management and Policy, Technical Advisory Panel, Texas Department of Transportation. He has recently been requested to serve as a border expert to assist the Arizona Department of Transportation in developing concepts and practices to improve the border crossing activities on the Arizona-Mexico border.

He has authored over 85 articles, books, and monographs and has given over 100 presentations. He has been published extensively on transportation, trade and security issues and for five years wrote the International Insight column in Logistics Management. In addition to his scholarly writing, he has been published in the Journal of Commerce, El Financiero, Traffic World, Strategic Finance, Transport Topics and most recently, Tax Notes International. He has been interviewed by or quoted in over 50 national and international publications such as the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, Forbes, the Financial Times, Christian Science Monitor, and has appeared nationally as a special guest on the FOX News Channel's Special Report with Brit Hume, CNN, NBC, CBS, NPR, BBC, Voice of America and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in addition to many local and regional affiliates.

Finally, with his background as a former FBI special agent, OSI special agent and a Colonel in the Office of Special Investigations where he handled counterintelligence matters, Dr. Giermanski has become a principal and Chairman of the Board of Powers International, Inc. which provides supply-chain security solutions, consulting, and training. He currently provides transportation security lectures on C-TPAT, and other Customs and Border Protection (CBP) programs.



Fr. Christopher Kirchgessner, OSB

- 25 years ordained Priest
- Entered the Monastery in 1975
- Avid New York Giants fan

ABBEY STUDENTS PROVE TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

An ancient Christian definition of theology is "faith seeking understanding," where faith means a relationship of steadfast trust in God within a communal tradition of beliefs and practices responding to God's actions in history. Theology, here at the Abbey, springs from the traditions of the Catholic Church and Benedictine monasticism. As an academic discipline, it involves the reflective study of Scripture, doctrine, morality, and history.

Theology is a challenging field of study where students can develop skills of reading, writing, and analysis that will be of service in whatever they may choose to do. Beyond that, there is far more to human lives than the workplace. Students who are themselves people of faith often find that majoring in theology can deepen and enrich their practice. Prayer with the monastic community, campus ministry, and community service provide additional opportunities to integrate academic study with lived experience.

Graduates have a number of opportunities open to them. From work in community relations for non-profit organizations to serving as youth ministers, Abbey students prove time and again that they can make a difference. Graduates in Theology may also choose to pursue professional studies or try their vocation as a novice in the monastery and receive full-tuition scholarships for graduate work.

All Theology students receive a Bachelor of Arts degree, but there are two tracks within the major that reflect differing streams of interest. On the theology track, participants develop the theological and philosophical background needed for additional study; their theology courses are supplemented by additional courses in philosophy. The pastoral studies track is for students preparing for more direct service to God and neighbor; their theology courses are supplemented by additional courses in education or psychology, as well as a culminating internship. Students in either track become well-acquainted with the Catholic tradition of theological reflection, leading to a senior thesis involving original research directed by one of the department faculty.

Courses in theology form a strong minor for students in the other Humanities majors, or any student interested in exploring the questions of faith seeking understanding. In keeping with the general rules of the college, a Theology minor requires 15 credits of coursework at the 200 level or higher; in practice, students will need four additional courses beyond the core to complete the minor.

Fr. Christopher Kirchgessner, OSB

Fr. Christopher Kirchgessner, OSB

Students have a lot to say about "Father Chris." He is a monk, a teacher, and most of all, a trusted friend. Above all else, he is incredibly easy to talk to, even for students who have never been around a monk before!

Fr. Christopher was raised in Indiana, studied psychology as an undergraduate, and did his graduate work in Church History at The Catholic University of America. Although he has served as prior of the monastery, a vice-president of the college, and exercised special ministry to alumni, Father Chris's present work focuses principally on the classroom. He teaches theology at Belmont Abbey College, and has also led classes in Great Books.

Over the years he has developed a special knowledge of political society, and is an informed commentator on the public issues of our time. He is known for the concise effective preaching, and is in great demand as a homilist and presider at the weddings of alumni.

Father Christopher applies himself conscientiously to remaining current in his theological studies, and shares his knowledge in the diocese (e.g., in the education of permanent deacons), as well as in the monastery and school. He acts as the recording secretary for the Abbot's council of advisors.

Elementary Education

In the classroom to learn to lead the classroom

What's your MAJOR?

Accounting
Biology
Business Management
Computer Studies/ CIS
Criminal Justice and Security Studies
Economics
Elementary Education
Educational Studies
English
Environmental Science
History
International Business
Liberal Studies
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Sports Management
Theology

OUR GRADUATES FIND THAT A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS ARE OPEN TO THEM, PARTICULARLY IN "PEOPLE-ORIENTED" AREAS

Our Psychology Department offers a traditional research-based curriculum leading to the student's choice of a B.A. or a B.S. degree. Many students choose to double-major, usually with Sociology but some have chosen to add Biology, Theology, Economics or English. Our minor in psychology is also popular with students in other majors.

Students considering a psychology major often wonder what they could possibly do with a degree in psychology. Our answer: plenty!

While some of our majors have chosen to pursue graduate work in one of psychology's many sub-specialties (including counseling psychology, sports psychology, school psychology, neuropsychology, and industrial/organizational psychology), others have found a bachelor's degree in psychology to be a tremendous foundation for graduate training in related fields, such as law, education, social work, and physical therapy.

Students sometimes tell us that their family thinks finding a job with a bachelor's degree in psychology will be difficult if they don't choose to go to graduate school. Actually, that's far from true. Psychology majors are given a strong liberal arts education that is valued by many employers. Our graduates find that a wide range of jobs are open to them, particularly in "people-oriented" areas such as police work, teaching, community-based service, nonprofit agencies, management, customer service, and sales.

Whatever path they chose, our graduates consistently tell us that they feel that they were challenged and supported while here, and that they feel well-prepared to meet the demands of their jobs or graduate studies. They are particularly appreciative (usually in retrospect, after they have finished it) of our senior thesis experience. Psychology majors have opportunities to hone professional skills not only in the senior thesis project but also in internships or by making presentations at conferences. The psychology department prides itself on strong positive relationships among all the members of the departmental community, including not just students and faculty but also alumni.

And forget your stereotypes! None of the psychology professors are old-ish bearded men with tweed jackets who smoke pipes and hold forth at great length about Freud; nor are we psychotherapists who try to analyze people. In fact, we are energetic, young and trained as experimental researchers with such a deep love for teaching that we deliberately chose to come to a small liberal arts college.

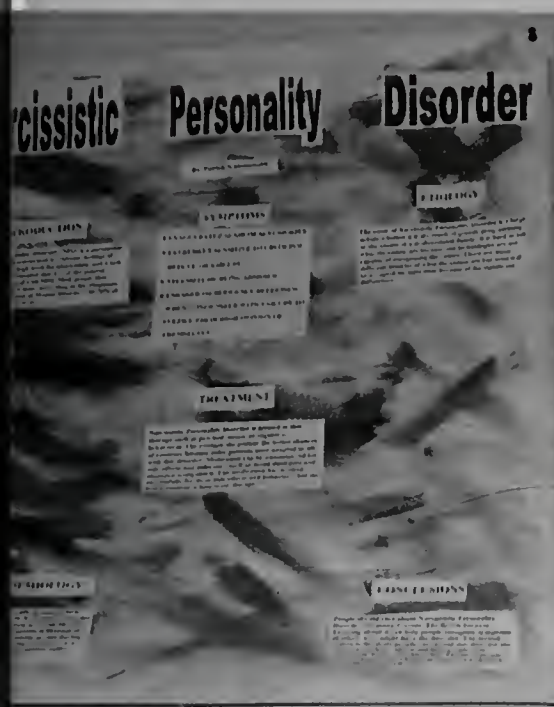
The department also brings in adjunct teachers with experience in applied areas of psychology to teach elective courses such as Introduction to Counseling and Sports Psychology.

Dr. Nathalie Coté

Although she finds research interesting, Dr. Coté loves teaching even more! Currently chair of the psychology department, she is approaching her eighth year at the Abbey. She earned her doctorate in Cognitive Studies at Vanderbilt University, studying how people build mental representations based on what they read. She teaches Introductory Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Neuropsychology, Testing and Assessment, Statistics, Research Methods, senior thesis, and first-year seminar. She is also involved in the faculty development and mentoring programs at the Abbey, and she is currently pursuing an interest in ethics education. Outside of school, she likes reading fiction, gardening, yoga, good conversation, traveling, and trying new things like whitewater rafting, hypnosis, foods, and different kinds of music. She is bilingual in French and English. She grew up in Rock Hill, SC and now lives in Fort Mill, SC.

WHAT'S
UP?

Psychology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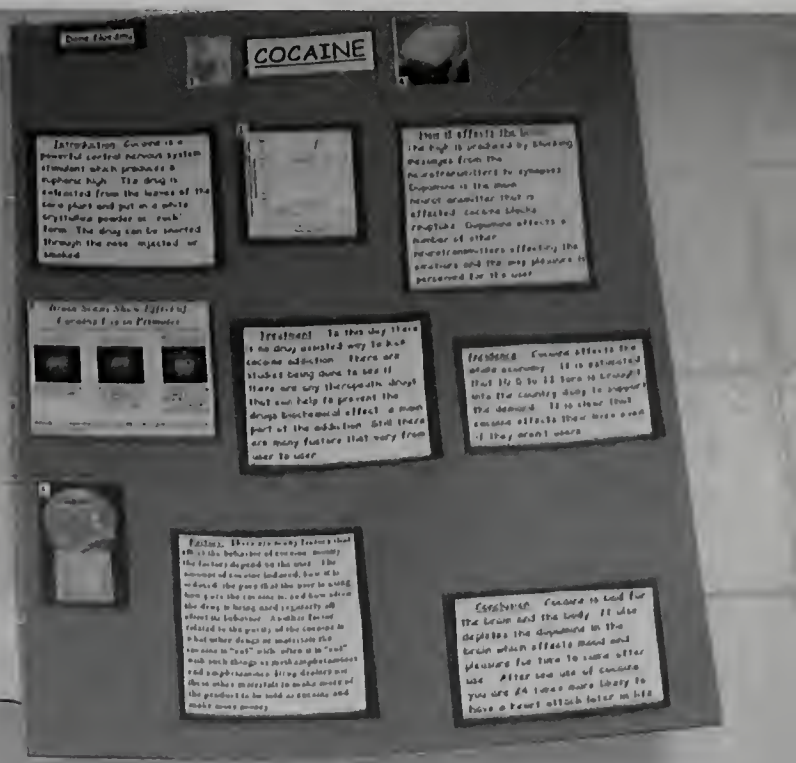
COCAINE
Introduction Cocaine is a powerful central nervous system stimulant which produces a euphoric high. The drug is extracted from the leaves of the coca plant and put in a white crystalline powder or 'rock' form. The drug can be snorted through the nose, injected or smoked.
Treatment To this day there is no drug assisted way to beat cocaine addiction. There are studies being done to see if there are any therapeutic drugs that can help to prevent the drugs biochemical effect, a main part of the addiction. And there are many factors that vary from user to user.
Consequences Cocaine is bad for the brain and the body. It also depletes the dopamine in the brain which affects mood and pleasure for time to come after use. After one use of cocaine you are 24 times more likely to have a heart attack later in life.

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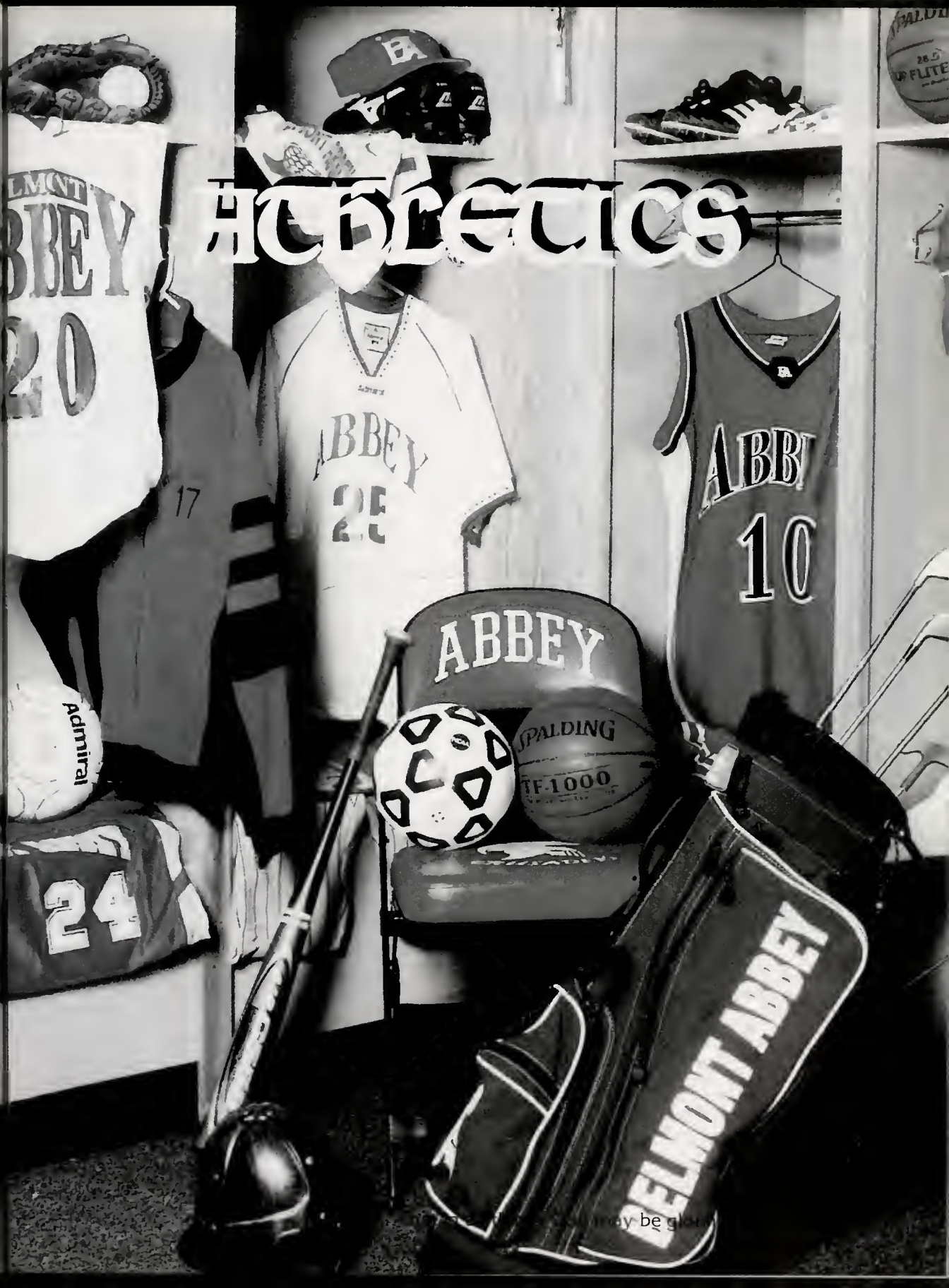
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BELMONT ABBEY

Baseball

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Head Coach
Kermit Smith

Assistant Coaches:
Chris Anderson
Chris Stone
Mitch Lebowitz

Roster

Michael Gegorek	Salisbury, NC
Jordan Pegram	Jamestown, NC
Alex Castellanos	Miami, FL
Alex Udwari	Silver Spring, MD
Josh Haire	Mooresville, NC
Daniel Cayton	Belmont, NC
Jason Cline	Stanley, NC
Michael Raymond	Mount Holly, NC
Seth Waller	Salisbury, NC
Will Breslin	Daytona Beach, FL
Patrick Atwell	China Grove, NC
Michael Rue	Denver, NC
Nicholas Popp	Baltimore, MD
Josh Cable	Charlotte, NC
Trey Summerlin	Stanley, NC
Danny O'Brien	Maiden, NC
Robert Yero	Lake Mary, FL
Tyler McKenzie	Winston Salem, NC
Zach Kappler	Pennsville, NJ
Nathan Craig	Stanley, NC
Ryan Sansavero	Matthews, NC
Andrew Morton	Lexington, NC
Ryan Ronda	Miami, FL
David Rue	Denver, NC
Bobby Palsa	Bellevue, OH
Brett DiPasquale	Kingsville, MD
Kenny Swinford	Gainesville, FL
Andy Helms	Locust, NC
Daniel Moore	Salisbury, NC
Matt Kmet	Tampa, FL
John Merritt	Yadkinville, NC
Austin Carithers	Kannapolis, NC

JV Baseball

Batter Up!

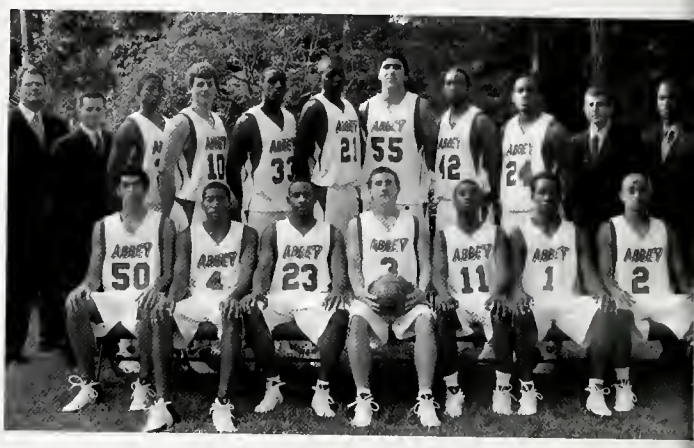
Assistant Coach
Chris Stone

Assistant Coach
Chris Anderson

Roster

3	Chris Cabrera	Miami, FL
4	Greg Perret	Morris Plains, NJ
5	Joey Huber	Orefield, PA
6	Jake Mehle	Charleston, WV
7	Andrew Rogers	Rockport, ME
8	Matt Lawrence	Arcadia, FL
9	Chris Landry	Waxhaw, NC
10	Michael Kitlas	Waldorf, MD
11	Ryan Mulderig	Langhorne, PA
12	Michael Duckworth	Olney, MD
15	Robert Garcia	Miami, FL
16	Matthew Faber	Fayetteville, GA
21	Anthony McMillan	Sharpsburg, GA
22	Matt Saunders	Gastonia, NC

Men's Basketball
Calling the Shots



1	Jonathan Jackson	Ahoskie, NC
2	Greg LaVann	Bronx, NY
3	Steve Williams	Adelaide, Australia
4	Anthony Bell	Columbia, SC
10	Karl Bauza	Statesville, NC
11	Fard Morales	Charlotte, NC
21	Mansour Diagne	Dekar, Senegal
23	Brooks Beard	Gaston, NC
24	Damien Humphrey	Durham, NC
33	Sidney Hoff	Columbia, SC
34	Paul Petway	Charlotte, NC
42	Maurice Jones	Cheverly, MD
50	Israel Ferreira	Cumming, GA
55	Rafik Missak	Alexandria, Egypt

Head Coach
Dale Kuhl

Assistant Coach
Stephen Miss

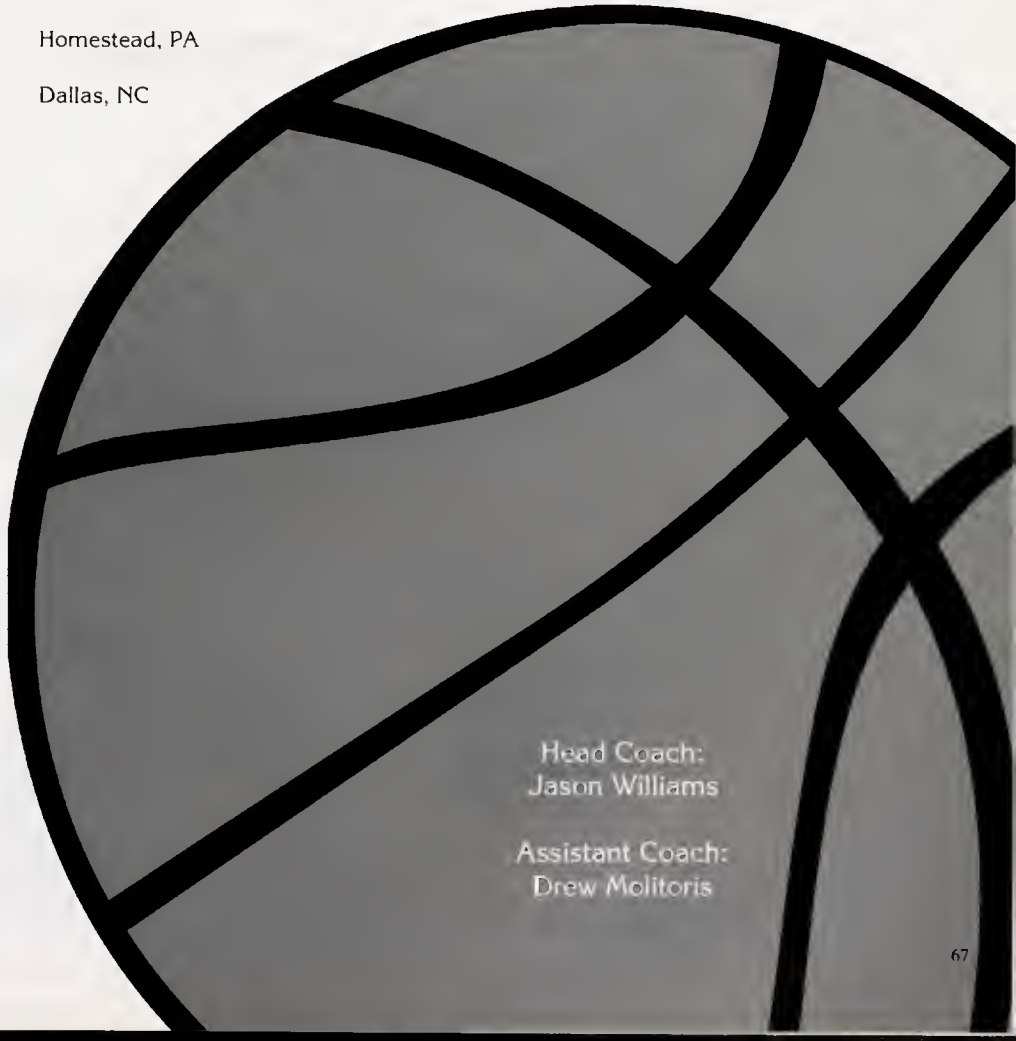
Assistant Coach
Jason Williams

Assistant Coach
Drew Molitoris

JV Basketball
A New Shot

Roster

3	Joel Davis	Henderson, NC
5	Carl D. Williams, Jr	Butner, NC
10	Jonathan Jackson	Ahoskie, NC
20	Christopher Stapleton	Huntersville, NC
21	Mansour Diagne	Dekar, Senegal
23	Osei Appiagye Jr	Charlotte, NC
30	Chris McDowell	Homestead, PA
34	Jeff Johnson	Dallas, NC



Men's Cross Country

Just Run fast!

Roster

Will McInnis III	Metarie, LA
Jorge Ramirez	Van Nuys, CA
Logan Beytagh	Savannah, GA
David Pollard	Tallapoosa, GA
Brandon Roth	Clinton, IA

CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach
Br. Paul Shanley, OSB

Men's Golf
It's Tee Time

Roster

Kent Cherry	Gastonia, NC
Matt Chidester	Charlotte, NC
Bobby Davis	Harrisburg, NC
Elias Esparaza	Weston, FL
Zack Kiser	Lincolnton, NC
Kevin McPherson	Conway, SC
Kasey Timms	Toronto, Canada
Josh Virant	Geneva, OH
Justin Wong	Ontario, Canada

Head Coach
Doug Ehman

Assistant Coaches
Chris O' Shea
Craig Distl

Men's Lacrosse
Sticking Together

Roster

1	Brett Berdine	Endwell NY
2	Matt Holzworth	Apex NC
6	Josh Costa	Pasadena MD
7	Tom Ottman	Apex NC
8	Mark Kelske	Bohemia NY
9	Aaron Flood	Pikesville MD
10	Stephen Layer	Bel Air MD
11	Mike Flanigan	Bowie MD
12	Jonathan Fuggit	Crofton, MD
13	Rory Morganthal	Boulder, CO
17	Shane Rye	Marietta, PA
18	David Spain	Calvert, MD
19	Korey Earles	Pasadena, MD
20	Taylor Brulport	Westerville, OH
22	Clyde Robinson	Binghampton, NY
23	Reginald McHenry	Cambrills, MD
24	Justin Maxwell	Charlotte, NC
43	Pat Shea	Sparta, NJ

Head Coach
Rob Horrigan

Assistant Coach:
Luke Beam

Men's Soccer
Using Your Head!

Roster

Bryan Alenky	Plano, TX
Patrick Mertes	Cornelius, NC
Sal Cornetta	Stallings, NC
Kyle Conrad	Johnson City, TN
Nick Wyatt	Franklin, TN
Daniel Morrison	Dallas, TX
Kyle Fenner	Mesquite, TX
Luis Arrieta	Simpsonville, SC
Christian Ocampo	Greenville, SC
Brian Souza	Asuncion, Paraguay
Terrell Bush	Woodbridge, VA
Dirk Jansson	Alpharetta, GA
Nick Whitworth	Wellington, CO
Will Fuqua	Richardson, TX
Juan Calderon	Chone, Equador
Dale Lookabaugh	Midland, TX
Dustin Cherry	Grapevine, TX
Seth Lowther	Garland, TX
Paul Gaffney	Nashville, TN
Fritz Belinga	Columbia, SC

Head Coach
Stuart Brown

Men's Tennis
Holding Court

Roster

Enrique Gonzalez	Monterrey, Mexico
James Whitman	Guayaquel, Ecuador
Aaron Miller	Houston, Texas
Peter Giordano	Charlotte, NC
Dirk Jansson	Alpharetta, GA
Chris Neidermeier	Waynesburg, PA
Reimark Neidermeier	Waynesburg, PA
Adam Gault	Durham, NC

Head Coach
Dave Brown

Wrestling
Take It to the Mat!

Roster

Travis Walk	Bluefield, VA
Chris Neidermeier	Waynesburg, PA
Reimark Neidermeier	Waynesburg, PA
Tony Butler	Charlotte, NC
Anthony Viola	Banner Elk, NC
Chris Burns	Raleigh, NC
Ben Meadows	Hubert, NC
Philip Bliss	Colliers, WV
Brian West	Christiansburg, VA
Mark Blair	Richmond, VA
Tim Stanton	Slidell, LA
Bryce Green	Jacksonville, FL
AJ Scales	Mocksville, NC

Head Coach
Kenn Caudell

Assistant Coach Casey
Brewster

Women's Basketball

Just Do It!

5	Sarah Reese	Sanford, NC
11	Jeanette Johansson	Sodertalje, Sweden
12	Whitney Robinson	Belmont, NC
15	Britany Tate	Archdale, NC
20	LeKesha Bell	Gastonia, NC
21	Nicole Woods	Gastonia, NC
22	Alison Starkman	Coral Springs, FL
23	Valorie Bennett	Cumming, GA
24	Emma Camp	Essex, England
30	Nicole Bence	Chesapeake, VA
33	Christal Smith	Charlotte, NC
34	Sierra Madison	Charlotte, NC

Head Coach
Katie Pate

Assistant Coach
Josh Springer

Assistant Coach
Tully Pate

Assistant Coach
Heather Schleupner

Women's Cross Country
Running Wild

Roster

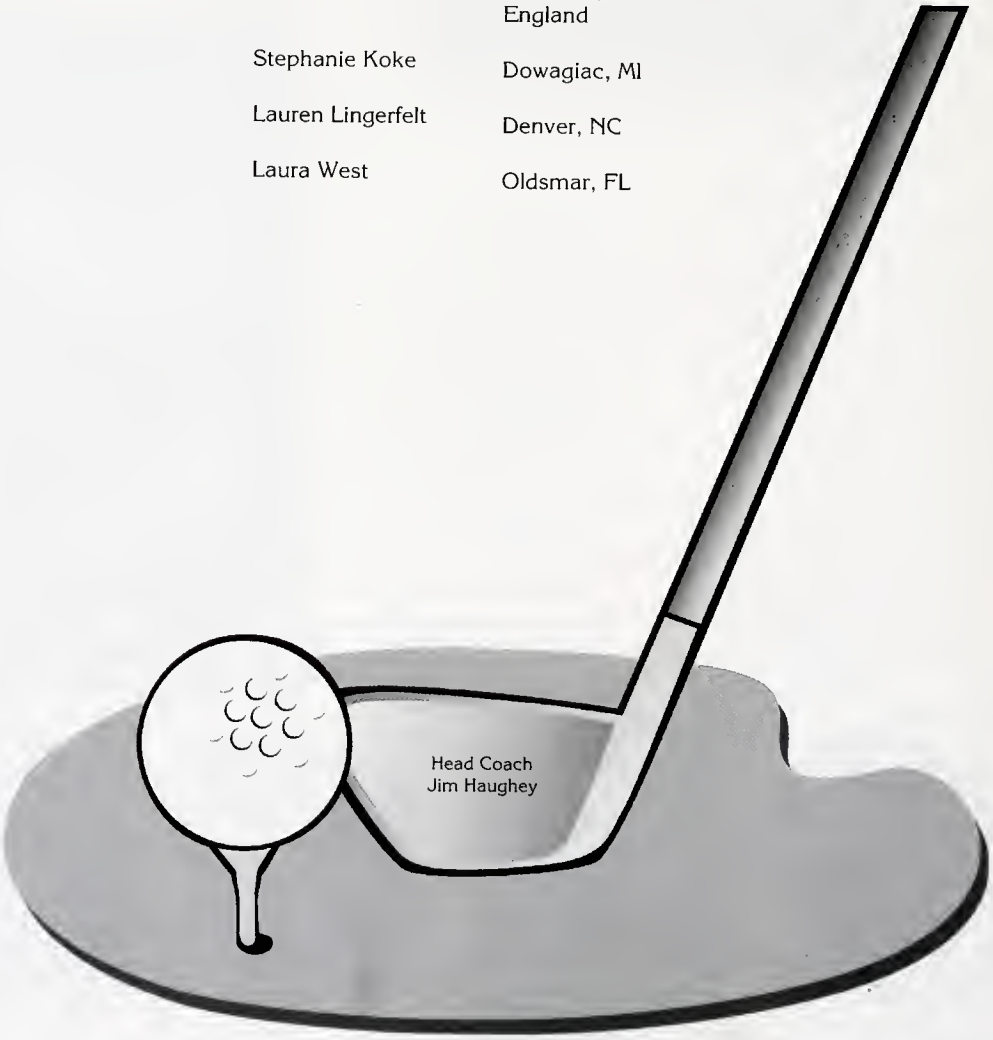
Angela Kisbey-Green	Cullman, AL
Theresa Turner	New Bern, NC
Natalie Ashby	Naples, FL
Meredith Mahar	Raleigh, NC
Emily Boggs	Charlotte, NC
Wendy Dorenbush	San Diego, CA
Kathleen Kisbey-Green	Cullman, AL
Miriam Stella	Cullman, AL
Katherine Grill	Auburn, AL

Head Coach
Br. Paul Shanley, OSB

Women's Golf
Fore the Love of Golf

Roster

Dessa Bokides	Weiser, ID
Elizabeth Cortez	Scottsdale, AZ
Kirsty Donaldson	Southampton, England
Stephanie Koke	Dowagiac, MI
Lauren Lingerfelt	Denver, NC
Laura West	Oldsmar, FL



Women's Lacrosse

Sticking Up for One Another

Roster

1	Samantha Hooker	Salisbury, MD
2	Sandy Vera	Orlando, FL
3	Meghan Darley	Oviedo, FL
4	Kate Gavin	Pasadena, MD
6	Emma Rickman	Blythewood, SC
7	Shannon Farden	Oswego, NY
8	Rachel Davis	Odenton, MD
12	Theresa Nolan	Crofton, MD
17	Michelle Babcock	Oswego, NY
18	Stephanie Schwartz	Lake Mary, FL
22	Kerri Gut	Edmonton, Canada
25	Erin Knight	Boulder, CO
27	Courtney Sheehy	Concord, OH
28	Jenea Diamond	Long Beach, NY
39	Antoinette Diamond	Long Beach, NY

Head Coach:
Shaun Williamson

Assistant Coach:
Meghan Dennehy

Women's Soccer
Cleat Dreams

Roster

1	Laisha Lentz	Chambersburg, PA
2	Randi Collerette	Apex, NC
3	RayAnn Fisher	Phoenix, AZ
4	Lindsay Megill	Huntington Beach, CA
5	Heather Henesey	Flagstaff, AZ
6	Lisa Perrotta	San Clemente, CA
7	Lauren Faerber	Simi Valley, CA
8	Courtney Paquin	Grass Valley, CA
9	Erin Kolb	Camarillo, CA
10	Mandy Gonzalez	Rialto, CA
11	Diane Stainback	Roswell, GA
12	Eileen Hogan	Charlotte, NC
14	Tia Pantano	Mesa, AZ
15	Lauren Strebler	Jacksonville, FL
16	Julia Palumbo	Woodbury Heights, NJ
18	Danielle Kubinski	Mission Viejo, CA
19	Olivia Timpson	Thousand Oaks, CA
20	Jill Barnes	Springfield, OR
21	Anna Wells	Tallahassee, FL
22	LaKesha Bell	Gastonia, NC

Head Coach
Glad Bugariu

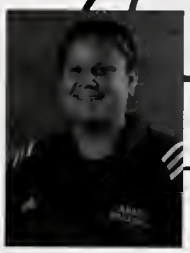
Assistant Coach
Tatum Borque

Softball

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Roster

2	Abby Threatt	Charlotte, NC
3	Angie Sowell	Wichita, KS
4	Danielle Dodd	Oshawa Ont. Canada
5	Santa Redavid	Brooklyn, NY
6	Sara Rodgers	Kannapolis, NC
7	Dani Beres	Greenville, NC
9	Katie Hobbs	Matthews, NC
10	Cameron Greene	Charlotte, NC
11	Kelly Schafer	Dallas, NC
16	Leigh Carter	Belmont, NC
18	Amy Sturch	Oshawa Ont. Canada
19	Rachel Parker	Lake City, FL
21	Jessica Inman	Cornelius, NC
24	Carrie Markham	Phoenix, AZ
27	Danielle Relyea	Saratoga Springs NY
44	Erica Rutledge	Charlotte, NC



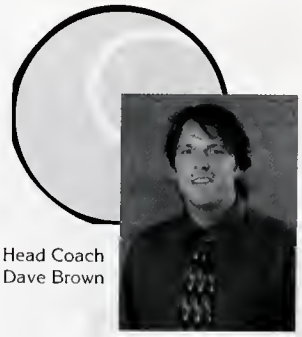
Interim Head Coach
Lindsay Stumpff

Women's Tennis

Love

Roster

Alexandra Cook	Bradenton, FL
Claire Hoffman	Victoria, British Columbia

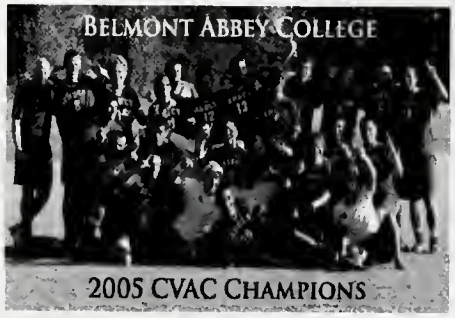


Head Coach
Dave Brown

Volleyball
Can You Dig It?

1	Sydney Steffen	Davenport, IA
3	Carrie Markham	Phoenix, AZ
6	Clarissa Stull	East Lincoln, NC
8	Sawyer Coble	North Platte, NE
9	Monica Halligan	Yuma, AZ
10	Melissa Rizzo	North East, PA
11	Sarah Halligan	Yuma, AZ
12	Latoya Gordon	Clinton, MD
13	Katie Emmets	Parkland, FL
18	Lara Propst	Concord, NC
23	Priscilla Kelly	Hilton Head, SC
24	Kirstie Heilig	Stanley, NC
26	Allison Smith	Kennesaw, GA
33	Mallory Adkins	Penhook, VA

Interim Head Coach
Lindsay Stumpff



2005 CVAC Champs

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"That in all things God may be glorified"
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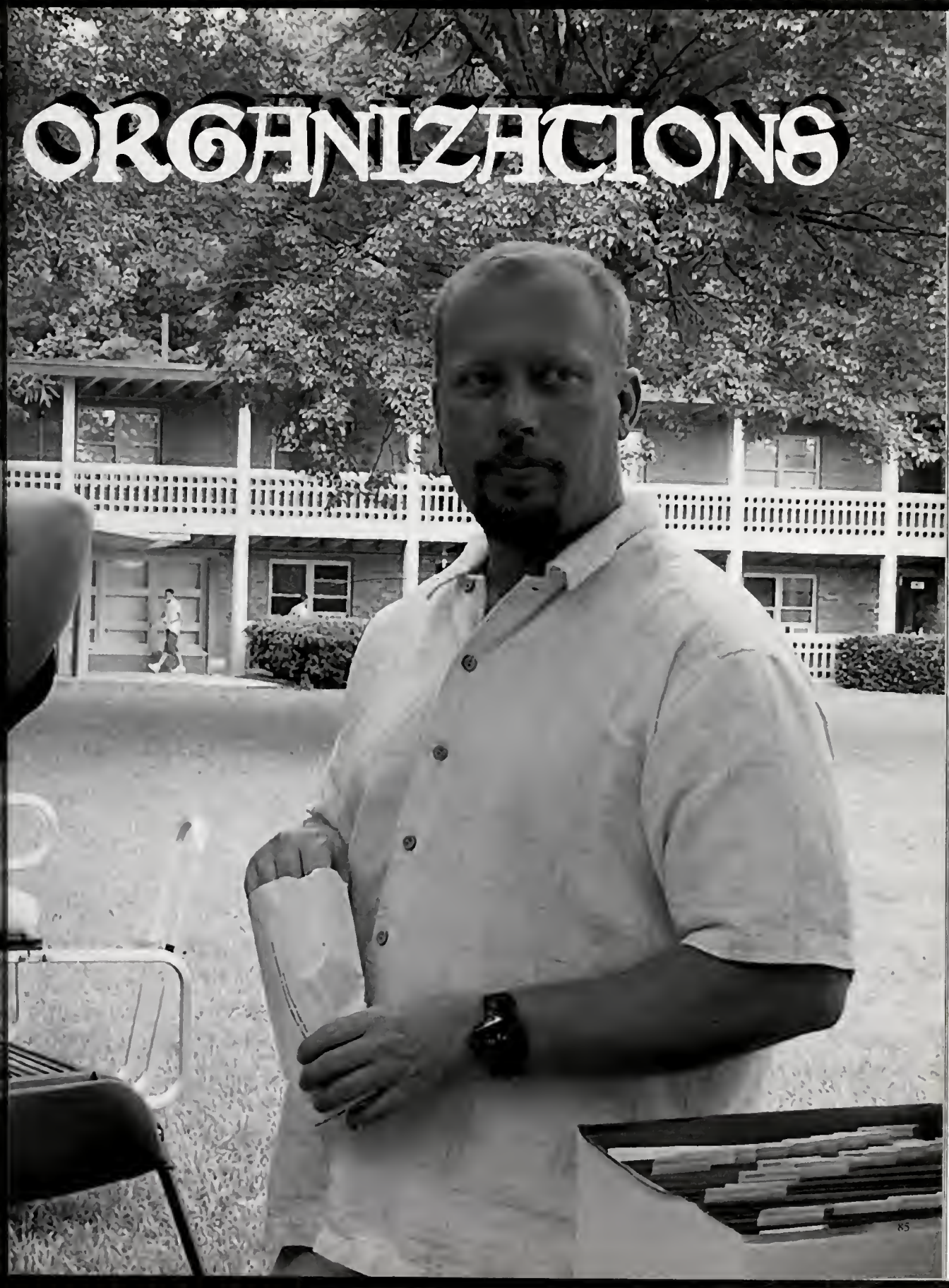

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2005-2006 Abbey Ambassadors

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Stephanie Garcia

Jessica Taylor

Noemi Santana

Troy Reed

Caitlyn Sanaga

Erica Mistretta

Beryl Oloo

Amy Morris

Jovanda Gates

Jessica Coggins

Kevin Weber

Lydia Washington

Miriam Stella

Jessica Inman

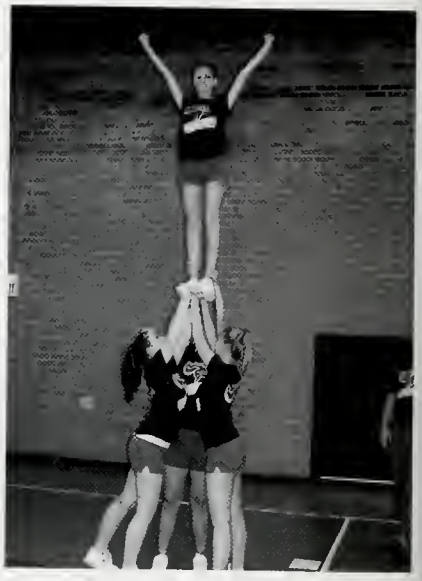
Student Government Association

Front row (L to R): Pooja Pardhanani, Danielle Relyea, Emily Toy, Elizabeth Janson, Janna Ruffner & Amanda Hinsman.
Middle row (L to R): Tarmara Frazer, Lydia Washington, Lisa Brown, Erin Mock, Angela Kisbey-Green, Stefanie Whorton & Monica Jeannine Davis.
Back row (L to R): Sidney Hoff, Jimmy Dudley, Patrick Haller, Dustin Cherry, Brandon Williams & John O'Neil.
Not pictured: Marisol Aristizabal, Dennis Feehan, Earle Maxwell & Meredith Maher

Executive Board:
Front: Emily Toy, Vice President & Stefanie Whorton, President
Back: Brandon Williams, Secretary & Sidney Hoff, Public Relations

Moderator: Dean Karen Van Norman

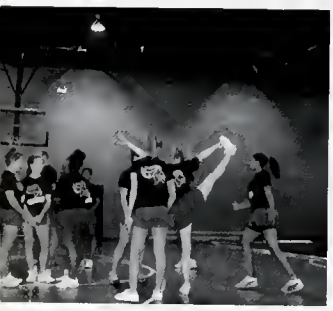
Cheerleaders

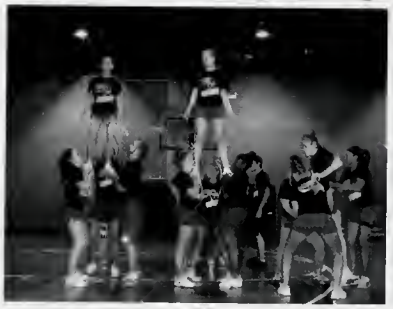


Why do cheerleaders make such good friends?

Because they are always there to support you!

Back: Coach Tony Sigmon
Back row: Vince, Sarah, Marie Joe, Pete, Maria Jose, Logan & Ed.
Middle row: Nicole, Abbey, Liz, Jessica C., Lydia, Margo, Jessica T., & Amy
Front row: Santa & LaShay



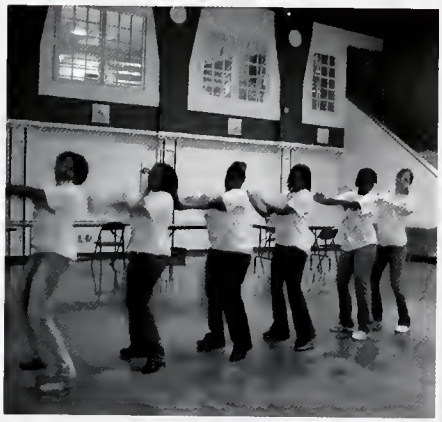


Athlete by nature,
Cheerleader by choice!

It takes a lot of practice to perform at the level of a cheerleader. Our cheerleaders are lean mean cheering machines! Can you do what they do? Then you may have what it takes to be one of the few, the talented and the loud!

Elite

Dance Team



Back row: Tara, Sylvia, Caitlyn & Beryl
Front row: Lydia & Jovonda

Shanikia, LaTonya & Navilla- a few of the founding members of Delta Psi Theta. The newest Greek family on campus.

Friends & Sisters: Santa, Navilla, Sylvia, Beryl, Kemia, Shanekia, Maria Jose, Tara & LaTonya.

"Great necessities call out great virtues."

Abigail Adams

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Senior Class Council

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Erin Mock	Vice President
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Bobby Palsa	Treasurer
Meagan Carey	Social Chair
Brendan Crawford	Social Chair
Fran Kirk Piñeros	Moderator
Rachel Hoffman	Moderator

Chess Club

For the students at the Abbey, November means a lot of things: closer to finals, colder weather and Thanksgiving break. But for some students it means Chess Tournament time! These students come together to play each other, to put their thinking skills to use outside the classroom and to go for checkmate.

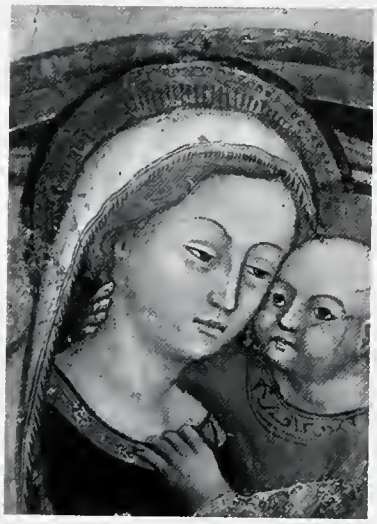
On Friday afternoons, these students get together from 2-5pm, and led by Mr. Stephen Brosnan and Dr. John Plecnik, have a good time learning from and playing each other in sometimes pretty mind-boggling games.

On November 11th, one lucky member took home the winner's trophy. That lucky person was senior Sean Sabo! Sean was runner-up for the past two years but this year he walked away with the winner's trophy and the twenty-five dollars prize. Gus Cabrera came in second place and he won the twenty-five dollar drawing that all players are entered in just for participating. Congratulations to these two chess players!

If you would like to join the club, join us from 2-5pm Friday afternoons in Holy Grounds coffeehouse. It's a guaranteed time of fun, learning, and using your head!

Danielle Hess

Our Lady of Good Counsel Household



(l to R) Brenda Arroyo, Ann Cook, Betsy Cunneen, & McKenzie Armstrong

At the Household fall retreat-- McKenzie, Brenda and Ann

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the National council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come.

Amen

Campus Ministry

Altar Servers

Front row: Kristie Robertson, Charlotte Harris
Middle row: Michael Tracy, Augustine DuSablon, Austin Scott, Andrew Achter
Back row: Brendon Haight, Ben Safranski, Ray Eldridge, Kevin Switzer

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.
Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Brothers in Christ, Sons of Mary

Men's Household

The Brothers in Christ Men's Household at Belmont Abbey is a faith-based fraternal organization, intended to help the brothers grow spiritually, socially, and academically while at college. The photo below from their Fall social retreat clearly illustrates the carrying out of these purposes. Vice President Michael Tracy has donned his "Cat-in-the-Hat" hat, stylish 3D glasses, and wrestling shoulder pads to demonstrate the dangers of partying too hard - you may end up in a picture like this, and it WILL end up in the Yearbook.

Proud Italian Michael Tracy and saucy Brit Michael Freeman working hard on dinner.

Fall Retreat

Above, from left: Ray Eldridge, Michael Tracy, Brendan Haight, Michael Freeman (not pictured: Ben Safranski, Br. Michael Boes, OSB). The brothers here can be seen at some of their favorite sites in Charleston, SC, including in front of the Customs Building and at Andolini's Pizza.

The Abbey Chorus

Breaking out the kuzoos!

The Abbey Chorus led by Dr. David Pitt performed brillantly at the Christmas concert on Dec. 2nd, 2005. Some selections performed were Noel Nouvelet, a Medieval French Carol; Hail the Blest Morn, a southern hymn; and also A Consort of Choral Christmas Carols, which finshed the evening off with a splash when the chorus broke out their kuzoos.

Of course no Christmas chorus event is complete without some Old English Carols, and we were not let down here! This year's carols included soloists: Miriam Stella, Jennifer Gareis, Brian Ergle and Austin Scott.

Members

Heather Byrd
Emily Cole
Natalie Cote
Raymond Eldridge
Brian Ergle
Matthew Faber
Jennifer Gareis
Christina Graves
Jessica Hanson
Alicia Hew
Joshua Hickman
Brian Hughes
John Jacob
Elizabeth Janson
Robert Jones
Zachary Kiser
Garrett Langford
Jennifer Mullis
Bobby Palsa
Courtney Paquin
Marissa Parker
Sr. Jane Russell
Austin Scott
Erica Smith
Miriam Stella
Kevin Switzer

Delta Tau Delta

From Left to right - James Fowler$, Chris Allman$, Jason Neccessary, Joe Salser*, John Rossi*, Jimmy Dudley*, Patrick Haller*, Ryan Lovelace*, Luis Torres$, Bradley Baker*, Matt Faber$, Danny Butler*, Michael Freeman$.
This is a picture of Rush: The Brothers are noted with *'s and Pledges have $'s

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Campus Ministry

Left: Corein Brown, Fr. Kieran, and Ruth Payne at the President's Ball.

Below: Group at the Eucharistic Conference

Habitat for Humanity

House of Payne

Above and below: Gathering at Campus minister Ruth Payne's house for some fun.

"That in all things God may be glorified"

GRADUATION 2005

Abbey Student of the Year is...

SEAN DUNNE! It is no wonder that such a fine young person would recieve such an honor. After recieving the Spire's Crusader of the Year award just a few weeks before graduation Sean was bestowed another great honor as Student of the Year during the graduation ceremony.

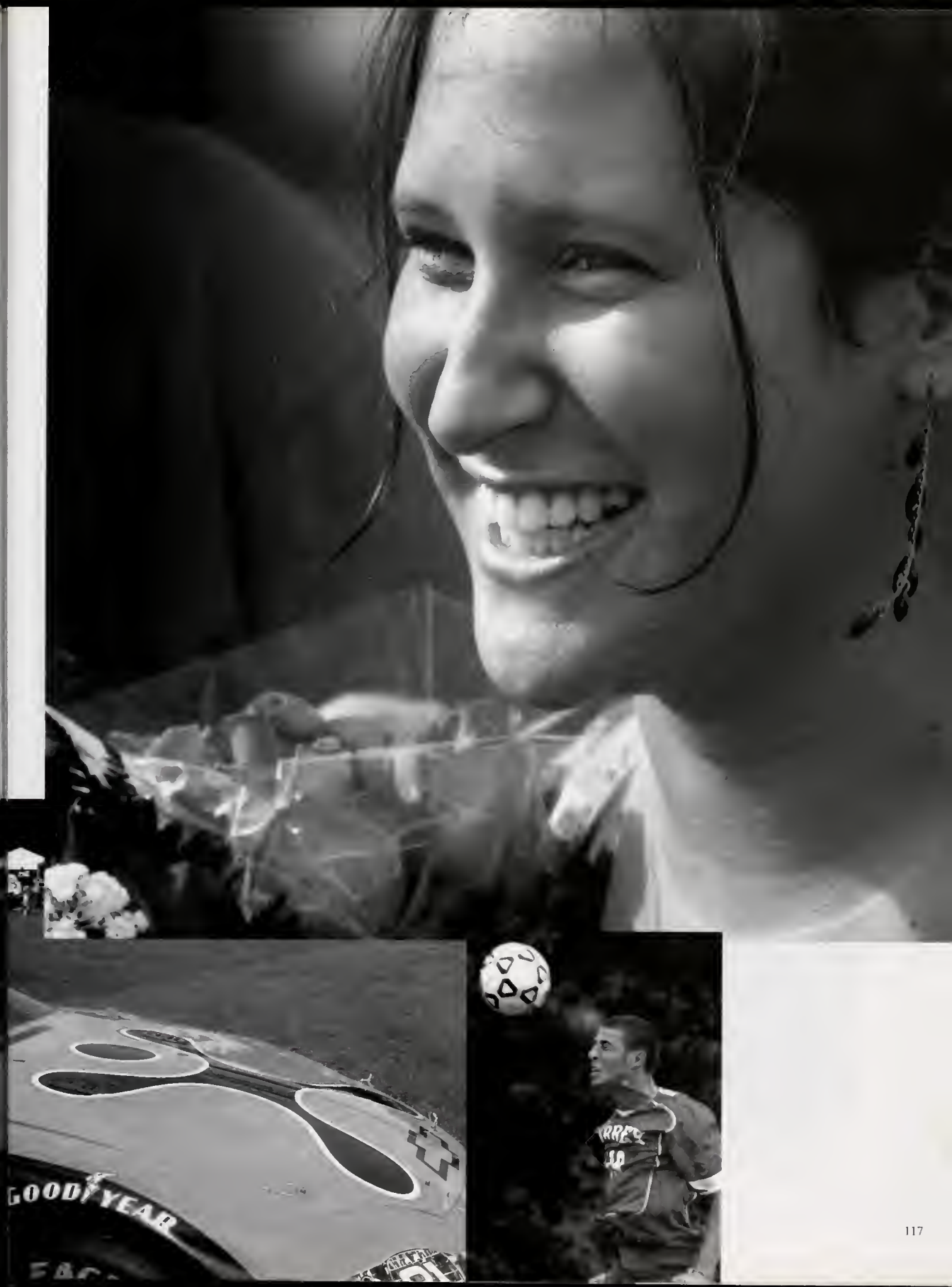
Above: Erin O'Neill shows that leaving the Abbey is harder than you thought. Arrive in tears, leave in tears- the Abbey family is always there to comfort you.
Right: Dean de la Motte and Dr. Thierfelder beam with pride over the new class of Abbey Alumni.

Bernie Fagarang '05 and Abbot Placid Solari, OSB

Homecoming 2005

R- Marisol Aristizabal was crowned the 2005 Homecoming queen.

The Men's soccer team won over St. Andrew's College 2-0 while the Women's team won 5-0. Way to go Crusaders!

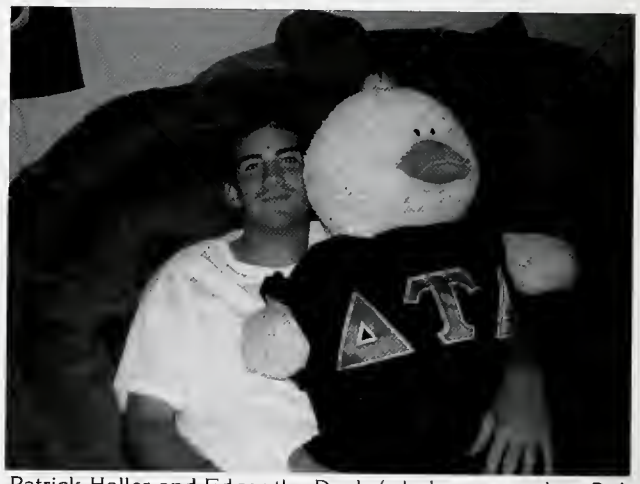

GOODYEAR

Thanks facebook.com!

Ah, yes. Thank you facebook.com! With the internet photos are easy to share with friends.

Andrea Salvarezza-Tenuta, Ryan Gallagher, Katie Rhodes, Stephanie Sella & Mandy Gonzalez

Pinta, Nina, & Santa & Maria Jose! You know you want to laugh.



Patrick Haller and Edgar the Duck (who's apparently a Delt, too)

Ragan Walker, John Rossi, Lorena Prekulaj

Lisa Brown, Emily Carl and Mary Kate O'Rourke

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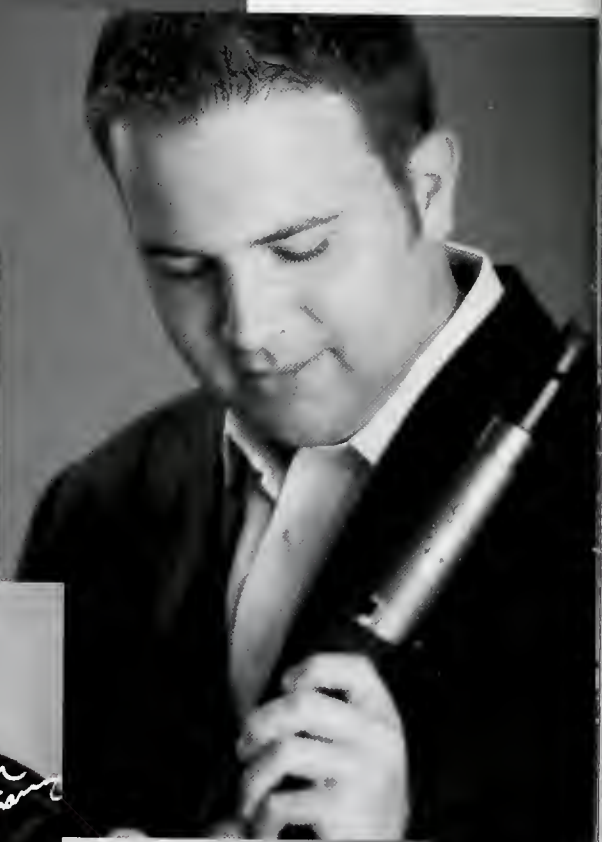
Dearest Robert,

Never give up on a dream because of the length of time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway. Remember to be kind to yourself as you follow your dreams.

With all our love,
Your Family

Brandon T Williams

Music and
Concert Ministry



"...the first time that I played in a church other than my school's sanctuary, it was the first time that I realized that what I was playing was not meant to sound good to an "audience", but was meant to sound beautiful to the Lord."

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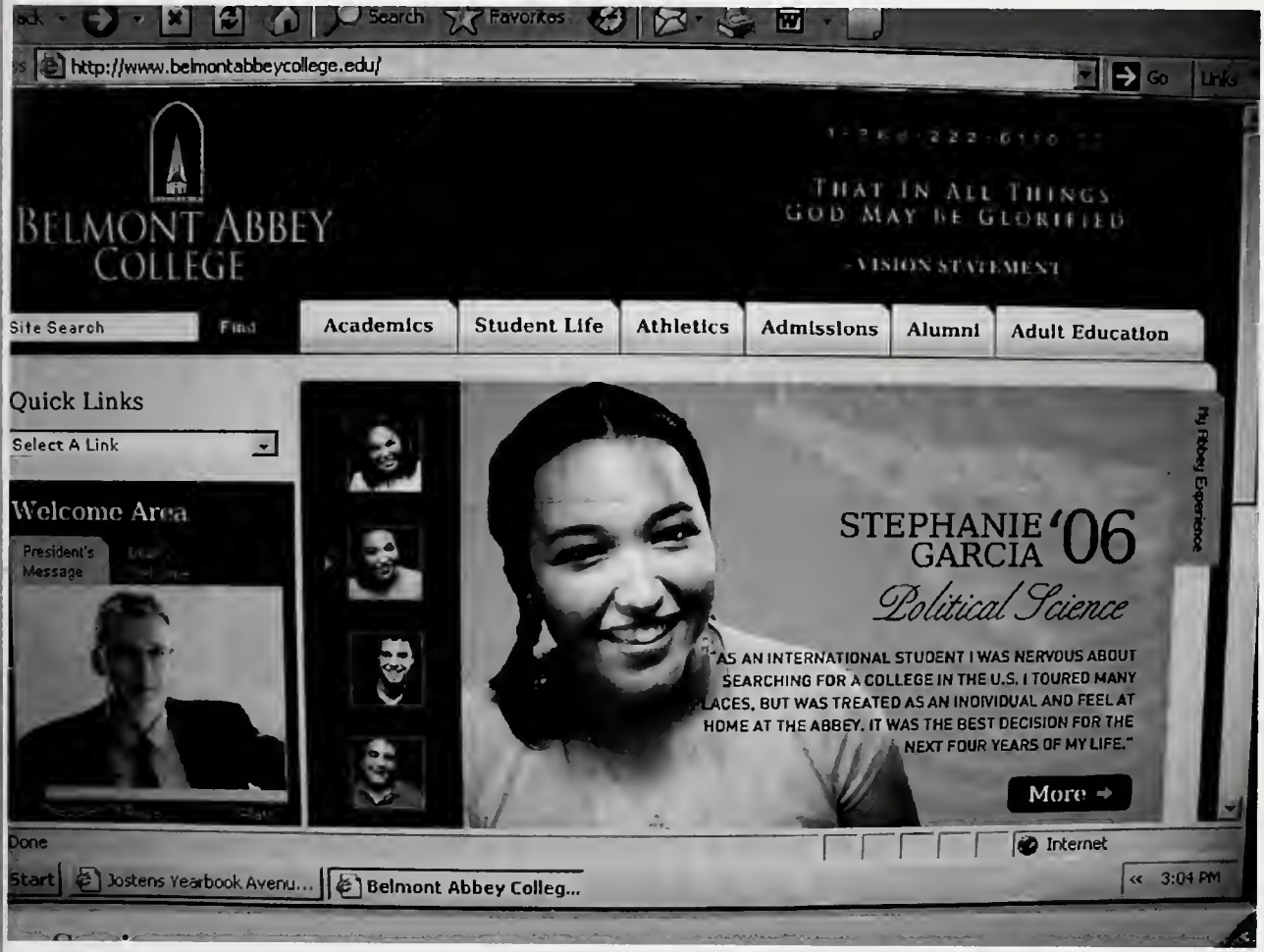

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Vince Lombardi